

# PONY EXPRESS STATIONS

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*April 3rd. New Mail Arrangements:* The last Pony Express brought private advice to the city through which we learn that the contract for mail and Pony service from St. Joseph, Missouri to Placerville, California has been shared between the two companies—Russell and Butterfield. The former on the eastern division, up to this city, and the latter from this place westward. The western division of the route is somewhere about two hundred miles shorter than that of the eastern division, but the sum of half a million dollars will amply compensate for the services of both Pony and mail on either end of the route.

*April 24th. Pony Express Rates:* Letter rates by Pony are now reduced to Two Dollars per half ounce each way. Pony Express leaves San Francisco in ten days.

## Stations East of Salt Lake City

St. Joseph	Granda	Guittard's
Kansas	Log Chain	Marysville
Kennekuk	Seneca	Hollenberg
Kickapoo Reservation	Ash Point	Little Blue
Rock Creek	O'Fallon Bluff	Rocky Mountains
Big Sandy	Alkali	South Pass
Liberty Farm	Beauvais Ranch	Fort Bridger
Thirty-two Mile Creek	Julesburg	Castle Rock
Platte River	Lodge Pole Creek	Brimville Emergency
Fort Kearney	Thirty Mile Ridge	Weber Station
Plum Creek	Mud Springs	Dixie Creek
Midway	Court House	Bauchmann's
Cottonwood Springs	Scott's Bluff	Mountain Dell
Fremont Springs	Fort Laramie	Salt Lake City

## Stations West of Salt Lake City

Traveler's Rest	Fort Shelbourne	Still Water
Rockwell	Egan Canyon	Old River
Joe's Dugout	Mountain Springs	Bisby's
Fort Crittenden	Ruby Valley	Nevada
East Rush Valley	Jacob's Well	Desert Well
Rush Valley	Diamond Springs	Dayton
Point Look Out	Sulphur Springs	Carson
Simpson Springs	Robert's Creek	Genoa
River Bed	Camp Station	Friday's
Dug Way	Dry Creek	Yonks
Black Rock	Cape Horn	Strawberry
Fish Springs	Simpson's Park	Williams
Willow Springs	Reese River	Websters
Burnt Canyon	Mount Airey	Mess
Ibapah	Castle Rock, Nevada	Sportsman Hall
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Eight Mile  
Antelope Springs  
Spring Valley

Cold Springs, Nevada  
Middle Gate  
Fair View

Folsom  
Sacramento

## THE MORMON BATTALION JOURNEY FROM FORT LEAVENWORTH TO CALIFORNIA

From the journal of 1st Sergeant Nathaniel V. Jones, Company D:

From Council Bluffs, Missouri River, July 16, 1846. This day I enlisted in the Mormon Battalion, which is to march to Upper California by the way of Santa Fe, under the command of Lieut. Col. Allen by the order of the President of the United States. Our Company was this day organized with Nelson Higgins captain. I was appointed first sergeant of Company D. The company was marched six miles from here to the river flat, to a trading house, where we drew our blankets and on the nineteenth we received many rich instructions from Br. Young and others of the Twelve, pertaining to this campaign, and the future designs of the Church. On Monday we left this place and moved down the river four miles. . . .

Old Mexico, Nov. 21, from this place to *Cow Springs*. Here we stayed one day. Purchased some mules from a party of Spaniards who had been on a trading expedition to the Apache Nation of Indians, who inhabited the mountains and lived chiefly by plunder. . . . We continued our march until ten o'clock that night before we found water. This place we called the *Dry Lake*.

Jan. 21. Came to Warners about two in the afternoon, the first settlement in California. Here we found one white man and about three hundred Indians. . . .

In San Diego, Feb. 1. We continued our march over the same kind of country. At about four in the afternoon, we came to the San Diego Mission. I think the country has been misrepresented by every account that I have ever read. The entire face of the country is a rough, broken, mountainous surface. There is no land fit for cultivation, except that in the valleys, and they are small and scarce, considering the amount of surface, and is fit for nothing but the thing it is used for mainly raising stock under the direction of capitalists. . . .

On the first of February we started for San Luis Rey Mission accompanied by one company of the dragoons. We went a different road from which we came. It was very much such a country rough, broken and but very little land suitable for cultivation. Camped at night by a small spring where there were a few trees and brush.

## THE RENDEZVOUS

The most picturesque event in the lives of the fur-men was the *rendezvous* held annually in some favored spot, such as Pierre's

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